

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A networked font rendering system associated with a web server comprising:

a web server for generating a web page image on a browser running on a networked workstation wherein the web page image includes data corresponding to document finishing options for at least one associated electronic document, including at least one tab option corresponding to at least one selectable font for use in connection with a selected document finishing option;

means for receiving selection data via the web page, which selection data includes at least one selected finishing option and at least one font selection corresponding thereto;

testing means for testing for availability of bitmapped font image data corresponding the at least one font selection;

means adapted for acquiring vector data representative of a vector based font corresponding to each font selection for which no availability of bitmapped font image data is indicated by the testing means;

rendering means adapted for rendering at least a portion of the vector based font to generate bitmapped font images corresponding thereto to characters required for rendering the selected finishing option;

font storage means adapted for storing the rendered bitmapped font images on a networked memory;

means adapted for receiving a font request from a web browser via at least one networked workstation;

testing means adapted for testing for a presence of a rendered font in the font storage means in accordance with the received font request;

~~means adapted for commencing operation of the rendering means upon a determination by the testing means that no font image corresponding to the font request is present in the font storage means;~~

~~means adapted for adding rendered font data from the rendering means to the networked memory; and~~

communication means ~~adapted~~ for selectively communicating the font images from the font storage means and the electronic document to the at least one networked ~~workstation printer~~ to generate document print data in accordance with a request from the at least one networked workstation so as to generate an image on a display a printout of the ~~at least one networked workstation including a rendering of the electronic document and a rendering of each selected finishing option~~ from the font images.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 1 wherein the communication means includes means ~~adapted~~ for communicating the font images to an associated printing device.

4. (Currently amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 1 ~~wherein the means adapted for receiving the font request from the at least one networked workstation further comprising includes:~~

~~means adapted for prompting an associated user for selection data to select a font;~~

~~means adapted for receiving user selection data resultant from the prompt of the user for the font; and~~

~~means adapted for requesting the font in accordance with the user selection data.~~

5. (Currently amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 4 wherein the means ~~adapted~~ for prompting the associated user for selection data to select the font includes means ~~adapted~~ for displaying selected information about each font which is available for selection.

6. (Currently amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 5 wherein the means ~~adapted~~ for displaying selected information about each font includes at least one of font type, font size, and font style for each font.

7. (Original) The networked font rendering system of claim 5 wherein the selection data includes at least one of font type, font size, font style, tab information, location of font within document, and font format.

8. (Currently amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 1 further comprising updating means ~~adapted~~ for updating font storage means for the selected font ~~information received in the font request from the at least one networked workstation.~~

9. (Currently amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 8 further comprising means ~~adapted~~ for deleting the selected font ~~information~~ from the font storage means upon at least one of a predetermined time interval in which the font has not been ~~requested~~ selected and a request received from an associated user.

10. (Currently amended) A method for rendering fonts in a networked system associated with a web server comprising the steps of:

generating a web page image, via a web server, on a browser running on a networked workstation wherein the web page image includes data corresponding to document finishing options for at least one associated electronic document including at least one of pagination options and page numbering options, and font selection options corresponding to at least one selectable font for use in connection with a selected document finishing option;

receiving selection data via the web page, which selection data includes at least one selected finishing option and at least one font selection corresponding thereto;

testing for availability of bitmapped font image data corresponding the at least one font selection;

acquiring vector data representative of a vector based font corresponding to each font selection for which no availability of bitmapped font image data is indicated by the testing;

rendering at least a portion of the vector based font to generate bitmapped font images corresponding ~~thereto~~ to characters required fro rendering the selected finishing option;
storing the rendered bitmapped font images on a networked memory;
~~receiving a font request from a web browser via at least one networked workstation;~~
~~testing for a presence of a rendered font in the memory in accordance with the received font request;~~
~~commencing operation of the rendering upon a determination by the testing step that no font image corresponding to the font request is present in the memory;~~
~~adding rendered font data from the rendering to the networked memory; and~~
selectively communicating the font images from the memory and the electronic document to the at least one networked ~~workstation-printer~~ to generate document print data in accordance with a request from the at least one networked workstation so as to generate ~~an image on a display of the at least one networked workstation~~ a printout including a rendering of the electronic document and a rendering of ach selected finishing option from the font images.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The method for rendering fonts of claim 10 further comprising the step of communicating the font images to an associated printing device.

13. (Currently amended) The method for rendering fonts of claim 10 ~~wherein the step of receiving the font request from the at least one networked workstation includes~~ further comprising:

prompting an associated user for selection data to select a font;
receiving user selection data resultant from the prompt of the user for the font;
and
requesting the font in accordance with the user selection data.

14. (Previously Presented) The method for rendering fonts of claim 13 wherein step of prompting the associated user for selection data to select the font includes displaying selected information about each font which is available for selection.

15. (Original) The method for rendering fonts of claim 14 wherein the selected information displayed about each font includes at least one of font type, font size, and font style.

16. (Original) The method of rendering fonts of claim 13 wherein the selection data includes at least one of font type, font size, font style, tab information, location of font within document, and font format.

17. (Currently amended) The method of rendering fonts of claim 10 further comprising the step of updating ~~font storage means~~ the memory for the selected font ~~information~~ received in the font request from the at least one networked workstation.

18. (Currently amended) The method of rendering fonts of claim 17 further comprising the steps of deleting the selected font ~~information~~ from the ~~font storage means~~ memory upon at least one of a predetermined time interval in which the font has not been ~~requested~~ selected and a request received from an associated user.

Claims 19-32 (Cancelled)